

EXERCISE 9A

Circle the letter of the best SYNONYM (the word or phrase most nearly the same as the word in bold-faced type).

1. to **depict** a bullfight a. paint b. attend c. speak out against
d. photograph e. enjoy
2. to **recant** testimony in court a. sing out b. take back c. agree
with d. repeat e. disprove
3. the **artifice** of ancient Chinese painters a. originality b. lack of
talent c. imitation d. skill e. beauty
4. inspired by the **ode** a. poem b. story c. strange writing
d. humorous verse e. portrait
5. a skilled **artisan** a. cartoonist b. painter c. craftsperson
d. storyteller e. poet
6. praised the **artifact** a. truthful statement b. poem c. skill
d. dishonest statement e. relic
7. remembered the **incantation** a. hieroglyphics b. trick
c. magician d. magic spell e. description

Circle the letter of the best ANTONYM (the word or phrase most nearly the opposite the word in bold-faced type).

8. annoyed by the **parody** a. cartoon b. imitation c. lies
d. serious, original work e. lack of skill
9. a(n) **artless** young journalist a. ignorant b. simple
c. unskilled d. deceitful e. inartistic
10. a(n) **rhapsodic** retelling of a movie plot a. excited b. long-
winded c. musical d. poetic e. unenthusiastic

EXERCISE 9B

Circle the letter of the sentence in which the word in bold-faced type is used incorrectly.

1. a. No amount of **incantation** persuaded my parents to let me see my graduation present before the day.
b. The priestess uttered an **incantation** to summon the Greek goddess Artemis.
c. As the fortune-teller murmured an **incantation**, we waited to learn our future.
d. The three witches in *Macbeth* toss strange objects into the boiling pot, chanting an **incantation**: "Double, double toil and trouble; Fire burn, and cauldron bubble."
2. a. The athlete refused to **recant** his claim that he had never used steroids to give him an advantage over other athletes.
b. The children **recanted** the song until they knew it by heart.
c. Sometimes witnesses in court cases **recant** their earlier testimony, raising questions about what really happened.
d. To try to save her life, Joan of Arc **recanted** her assertion that divine voices had guided her to become the savior of France.
3. a. Frankie Addams, an **artless** twelve-year-old in *A Member of the Wedding*, expects to accompany her brother and his wife on their honeymoon.
b. The painter became restless when she had to remain **artless** during her long hospital treatment.
c. Although **artless** in knowledge of manners at home and at school, Huckleberry Finn is instinctively wise in distinguishing good and evil in human beings.
d. The **artless** smiles of babies are universally appealing.